

# **AMDA 2020-2021 'NEED TO KNOW'**

## **POLICIES & INFORMATION**

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance is taken at each class and awards are given out at the dance recital to each dancer who has perfect attendance. Please make every effort to have your child at every class. Good attendance is imperative, as absences and tardiness can hold back an entire class.

**SITTING OUT:** If a student is unable to dance, but is feeling well enough to attend class, they are expected to participate by observing class in order to retain key elements and new choreography. Students who feel ill or are exhibiting "contagious" symptoms should stay home and rest.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** All dancers at Ave Maria Dance Academy are expected to treat their instructors as well as each other with respect, support and encouragement. Instructors reserve the right to dismiss dancers for distracting the class, not following rules, improper dress, or poor attitude.

**DANCE CLASS ATTIRE:** Students must wear proper dance attire to class - dress code requirements can be found on the dress code link on our website. For the sake of uniformity all dance shoes must be purchased from us. **PLEASE DON'T SEND DANCERS IN TUTUS OR DRESSES THAT SHED GLITTER!**

**DISCIPLINE CARDS:** Your child may receive a 'discipline card' from their instructor. These cards are not meant to offend anyone but rather gently remind. Please fix the infraction indicated on the card.

**STUDIO CLOSURES:** Ave Maria Dance Academy generally follows the public school schedule. Please check our website ([www.avemariadance.com](http://www.avemariadance.com)) for the entire season's schedule.

**CLASS OBSERVATION:** We do not allow parents into the studio during classes. This rule is in place so that students can remain uninterrupted and focused on their dance training. Photo opportunities (with instructor permission) are possible but must be done in a timely manner and persons must leave the studio quickly afterwards. Beginning in April (at the discretion of the instructor) we invite parents into the studio at the end of each class to observe the dancers perform their dance recital pieces!

**DANCE RECITAL:** The spring dance recital is held in May at Gulf Coast High School. The recital theme and date will be announced in the fall. Assigned seating tickets (\$15 each) will be sold in March.

### **IMPORTANT STUDIO RULES:**

- **DANCE SHOES** should **NEVER** be worn on the street not even "just" from the car to the studio.
- **IF** you arrive early for your class, please **WAIT OUTSIDE** until the class in session is dismissed.
- **DANCERS** must be picked up promptly following classes; once dancers are dismissed there is no one to watch them in the waiting room. We are not responsible for watching children before or after class.
- **ALWAYS** send a bottle of water (**ONLY WATER**) with your dancer or ¢.50 to purchase a small bottle.
- **PLEASE** do not bring food, or drinks (other than water) inside the building. **NO** gum/candy in class.
- **HAIR** must be pulled back off of the neck and face for all classes, loose strands must be secured.
- **NO** jewelry (except for stud earrings)
- **NO** one is allowed in class other than the dancers.
- **PLEASE** have your child (especially 3 to 6 year olds) use the restroom before leaving home.
- **SHOES** (which must be purchased from us) and proper dance attire is required for all classes.
- **PAYMENTS** made after the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the month are considered late and will incur a \$10 late fee.
- **PLEASE** call (239-261-2606) ahead of time to let us know if a student will not be in class.
- **WE** ask that you do not attempt conversations with your child's instructor between classes as this will cause schedule delays. Arrangements to speak with instructors must be made at the front desk.

**OUR PROMISE TO YOU:** We are committed to providing excellent dance instruction in a friendly, family oriented environment. Our policies have been put in place to ensure that all dancers receive the dance education they deserve. We look forward to meeting new students and welcoming back those who are returning! **If you have questions or concerns - call us! (239-261-2606)**